## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AUSTIN DIVISION

ERIK PATTON STEARNS,	
Plaintiff,	
V.	1:17-cv-01206-SS
MEDICREDIT, INC.,	
Defendant.	

## DEFENDANT MEDICREDIT'S ADVISORY TO THE COURT OF PLAINTIFF'S FAILURE TO FILE A RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SANCTIONS

Defendant Medicredit, Inc. files this Advisory to the Court to notify the Court of Plaintiff, Eric Patton Stearns' ("Plaintiff") failure to file a response to Defendant's Motion for Sanctions ("Motion"):

As established in Defendant's Motion (Doc. 21) and the Exhibits (Doc. 22) attached in support of the Motion, the undisputed documentary evidence wholly contradicts Plaintiff's allegations and conclusively establishes the falsity of the representations made to this Court in the Complaint. In this connection, Plaintiff's Counsel filed a Motion to Withdraw on May 21, 2018 and (Doc. 20) and the Court entered and Order Granting Plaintiff's Counsel's Motion to Withdraw on May 25, 2018 (Doc. 31). Pursuant to the Court's May 25th Order, Plaintiff was directed to file a Response to Defendant's Motion on or before June 25, 2018. (Doc. 31).

Defendant would show the Court that Plaintiff has failed to comply with the Court's May 25th Order and has neither obtained counsel nor filed a Response to Defendant's Motion as directed by the Court. Plaintiff's failure to comply with the Court's May 25th Order is yet another example of Plaintiff's disregard for procedure and his duty to comply with the Federal

Rules of Civil Procedure and this Court's Orders. Plaintiff's disregard for the Court's May 25th

Order is also consistent with his unexcused failure to appear for his duly noticed May 22nd oral

deposition which caused Defendant to incur additional fees and expenses in connection with

Plaintiff's conduct in this case.

In sum, Plaintiff's conduct in this case is the type of conduct Rule 11 is designed to deter

and Defendant respectfully requests the Court to take notice of Plaintiff's failure to comply with

the Court's May 25th Order when considering Defendant's request for relief set forth in

Defendant's Rule 11 Motion (Doc. 21) and Motion for Discovery Sanctions (Docs. 26 and 27).

Defendant Medicredit, Inc., respectfully requests this Court to grant its Rule 11 Motion

and Motion for Discovery Sanctions and enter and Order sanctioning Plaintiff by dismissing

Plaintiff's Complaint and awarding Medicredit its attorneys' fees and costs, and for additional

relief this Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that on July 2, 2018 he caused a copy of the foregoing, to be served on Erik Patton Stearns via Certified and Regular U.S. Mail at his last known address of:

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/s/ Raj Aujla	
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